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STATE OPENS FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING OUTREACH CENTER IN VENTURA COUNTY

ELK GROVE, CA -- The California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) announced today that in-person intake appointments are now available in Ventura County. The DFEH is the state's civil rights enforcement agency whose mission is to protect Californians from unlawful hate violence and discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations.

In the past, Ventura County residents had to travel to the DFEH's Bakersfield or Los Angeles offices for intake appointments. Now, in cooperation with the California Employment Development Department (EDD), Venturans can file complaints for unlawful employment discrimination at the new DFEH Ventura County Outreach Center in the EDD One-Stop Center. To schedule an appointment, call the DFEH Communication Center (800) 884-1684 or make an appointment online at <http://www.dfeh.ca.gov/onlineAppt/>. Anyone who already has an attorney can get an automatic right-to-sue notice online at <http://www.dfeh.ca.gov/onlinerts/> instead of making an appointment.

"We are pleased that the DFEH has forged this partnership with EDD," said Rosario Marin, Secretary of the California State & Consumer Services Agency. "This is a model of state agency cooperation for others to follow."

"We are grateful to EDD for partnering with our department, so that Ventura County residents who encounter employment discrimination can receive direct service," added DFEH Director Phyllis Cheng.

The new DFEH Ventura County Outreach Center is located at the EDD One-Stop Center, 635 S. Ventura Road, Oxnard. Appointments are available on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., beginning September 4.

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